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WITH STUDENTS.

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1. SUMMARY: IN RECENT SWING AROUND U.S. TENANTED BASES IN
NORTHEAST, WE FOUND THAT AT LEAST TWO BASES, KORAT AND UBON,
HAVE MADE SPECIAL OVERTURES TO LOCAL STUDENTS. PRIOR TO
FIRST EVER STUDENT DEMONSTRATION AT U.S. TENANTED BASE
WHICH TOOK PLACE AT UDORN JANUARY 14, KORAT AND UBON WERE
GIVING SCHOLARSHIPS TO TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE (TTC) STU-
DENTS AND ARRANGING FOR GI'S TO TEACH THEM ENGLISH. THEY
HAVE ALSO BEGUN TO FOSTER RELATIONS WITH PEACE CORPS VOLUN-
TEERS WHO HAVE FREQUENT CONTACTS WITH STUDENTS. END SUMMARY.

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2. KORAT HAS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS AT TTC AND
GI'S ARE VOLUNTEERING TO TEACH THEM ENGLISH. USAF OFFICIALS

HAVE WISELY CULTIVATED RELATIONSHIP WITH PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS WHO CLOSE TO STUDENTS AND ABLE TO KEEP USAF POSTED ON WHAT THEY ARE THINKING. IN ADDITION, SENIOR BASE OFFICIALS HAVE GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY TO FOSTER RELATIONS WITH EDITORS THREE THAI NEWSPAPERS IN KORAT.

3. UBON RTAFB HAS EXPANDED SIMILAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING FOR TTC STUDENTS. OF SPECIAL NOTE IS FACT THAT UBON RESPONDED TO REQUEST BY TTC FOR POL FOR SCHOOL LABORATORY DESPITE REDUCTIONS IN BASE POL ALLOTMENT.

4. CIVIC ACTION HAS LONG BEEN MEANS OF NURTURING BASE COMMUNITY RELATIONS. UBON HAS OUTSTANDING PROGRAM UNDER LEADERSHIP OF MAJOR RICHARD MCLEOD WHO DEPARTING SHORTLY. RECENTLY SECOND OFFICER WITH ENGINEERING BACKGROUND DETAILED FULL TIME TO CIVIC ACTION TO HELP WITH ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER PROJECTS. NOW UNDERSTAND THAT SENIOR BASE OFFICIALS HAVE DECIDED THAT THIRD OFFICER SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO WORK FULL TIME IN CIVIC ACTION.

5. MEASURES TAKEN AT KORAT AND UBON DISPLAY SENSITIVITY TO NEED TO STRENGTHEN BASE COMMUNITY RELATIONS IN LIGHT OF CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION. WHILE THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THIS WILL PREVENT TROUBLES FROM ARISING, IT MAY HELP DEFUSE THEM. INITIATIVES WE SAW AT TWO BASES SET GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW. BROH-KAHN
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